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SUBJECT: INSURGENCY DEVELOPMENTS: SIX COMMUNIST TERRORISTS KILLED IN
CLASH NEAR THAI BORDER

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 2456 DTG 300235Z APR 76

B. KUALA LUMPUR 3637 DTG 250915Z JUNE 76

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS,FIVE MAN MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES

(SF) PATROL KILLED SIX COMMUNIST TERRORISTS (CT'S), INCLUDING TWO
WOMEN IN A CLASH JULY 15 WITH A GROUP OF ABOUT A DOZEN CT'S IN JUNGLE
IN THE GUBIR AREA OF KEDAH STATE 10 MILES SOUTH OF THAI BORDER
(AT ABOUT 100 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 5 DEGREES 49 MINUTES NORTH)
PATROL LEADER, AN ARMY CAPTAIN (A COMPANY COMMANDER IN THE 17TH ROYAL

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MALAY INFANTRY REGIMENT) WAS KILLED IN THE FIREFIGHT. ACCORDING TO

ACCOUNT BASED ON PRESS BRIEFING AT ARMY BASE AT SUNGEI PATANI, KEDAH, SEARCH PATROL FROM A FORWARD BASE HAD BEEN TRACKING IN THE JUNGLE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR WHEN THREE ARMED CT'S WERE ENCOUNTERED. ALL THREE WERE KILLED BY PATROL LEADER (ARMED WITH M-16). WHO FOLLOWING INITIAL CONTACT SHOT AND KILLED FEMALE CT BUT WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED BY HAND GRENADE SHE RELEASED. TWO OTHER CT'S SIGHTED NEARBY WERE KILLED BY REMAINING PATROL MEMBERS.

2. FOLLOWING THE ENGAGEMENT, WHICH LASTED ABOUT HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES, A TEAM OF TRACKER DOGS AND REINFORCEMENTS WERE RUSHED TO THE AREA TO PURSUE REMNANTS OF THE BAND, BELIEVED TO BE PART OF A FIFTEEN MEMBER UNIT OPERATING IN THE AREA.

3. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MORE SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS BY SF IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO AND THE RESULTS GAINED FROM SUCH A SMALL-UNIT JUNGLE PATROL CONTRAST MARKEDLY WITH CUMBERSOME, HIGH-FIREPOWER OPERATION AGAINST CT ENCAMPMENT IN SAME GENERAL AREA ALONG THAI BORDER IN LATE APRIL (REF.A) OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT CT'S INVOLVED WERE FROM MILITANT MARXIST-LENINIST FACTION OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA (CMP-ML) WHOSE STRONGHOLDS ARE IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE BETONG SALIENT OF SOUTHERN THAILAND AND WHOSE OPERATIONAL AREAS EXTEND INTO GUBIR AREA OF KEDAH. UNDERHILL

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